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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Raguse et al.
Serial No. : 09/226,699
Filed : January 7, 1999
Group Art Unit : 1641
Examiner : C. Chin
Title : SELF ASSEMBLY OF SENSOR MEMBRANES
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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

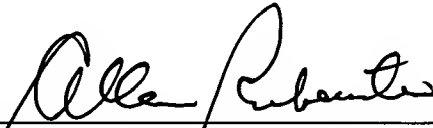
Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to a non-final Office Action dated May 8, 2001, the undersigned has requested and is awaiting instructions from his foreign client. Accordingly, to avoid the abandonment of this application, the attorney requests a three month extension and traverses the objections of the Examiner.

The Examiner is authorized to charge any additional amount necessitated by this reply, including any charges for extensions of time to allow consideration of this or any future reply requiring a petition for an extension of time, to deposit account 07-1730. This authorization should be treated as a constructive petition for such extensions of time, if any, as are necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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